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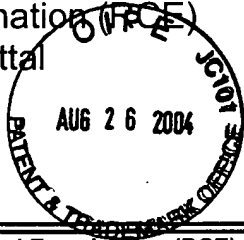
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First Named Inventor	Karl FOGER et al.
Art Unit	1745
Examiner Name	Raymond Alejandro
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- 2) AMENDMENT AND REPLY
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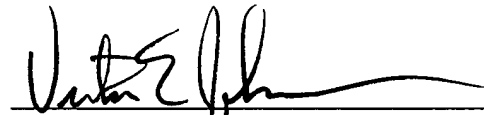
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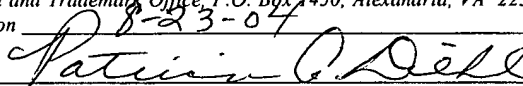
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of June 15, 2004, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. Submitted herewith is a Request For Continued Examination Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet. Remarks, including arguments, begin on page 6 of this paper.